

QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

PROP DEATH PENALTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. 34

SUMMARY Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

Repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to existing death sentences. Directs \$100 million to law enforcement agencies for investigations of homicide and rape cases. Fiscal Impact: Ongoing state and county criminal justice savings of about \$130 million annually within a few years, which could vary by tens of millions of dollars. One-time state costs of \$100 million for local law enforcement grants.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: No offenders could be sentenced to death under state law. Offenders who are currently under a sentence of death would be resentenced to life without the possibility of parole. The state would provide a total of \$100 million in grants to local law enforcement agencies over the next four years.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: Certain offenders convicted for murder could continue to be sentenced to death. The status of offenders currently under a sentence of death would not change. The state would not be required to provide local law enforcement agencies with additional grant funding.

ARGUMENTS

PRO 34 guarantees we never execute an innocent person by replacing California’s broken death penalty with life in prison without possibility of parole. It makes killers work and pay court-ordered restitution to victims. 34 saves wasted tax dollars and directs \$100 million to law enforcement to solve rapes and murders.

CON California is broke. Prop. 34 costs taxpayers \$100 million over four years and many millions more, long term. Taxpayers would pay at least \$50,000 annually, giving lifetime healthcare/housing to killers who tortured, raped, and murdered children, cops, mothers and fathers. DA’s, Sheriffs and Police Chiefs say Vote No.

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PROP HUMAN TRAFFICKING. PENALTIES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. 35

SUMMARY Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

Increases prison sentences and fines for human trafficking convictions. Requires convicted human traffickers to register as sex offenders. Requires registered sex offenders to disclose Internet activities and identities. Fiscal Impact: Costs of a few million dollars annually to state and local governments for addressing human trafficking offenses. Potential increased annual fine revenue of a similar amount, dedicated primarily for human trafficking victims.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: Longer prison sentences and larger fines for committing human trafficking crimes.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: Existing criminal penalties for human trafficking would stay in effect.

ARGUMENTS

PRO YES on 35—STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING. PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN. Traffickers force women and children to sell their bodies on the streets and online. Prop. 35 fights back, with tougher sentencing, help for victims, protections for children online. Trafficking survivors; children’s and victims’ advocates urge: YES on 35.

CON Proposition 35 actually threatens many innocent people “My son, who served our country in the military and now attends college, could be labeled a human trafficker and have to register as a sex offender if I support him with money I earn providing erotic services.” —Maxine Doogan
Please Vote No.

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